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The Honorable Tom Carper
Ranking Member
Committee on Environment and Public Works
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Carper:

Thank you for your letter of July 10, 2017, following up on EPA's June 30, 2017, response regarding EPA's enforcement and compliance program and Devon Energy.

Once the ongoing enforcement case regarding Devon Energy has concluded, the Agency can provide you additional information responsive to your request, and commits to working with you and your staff regarding your request at that time. In addition, as agreed to with your staff regarding ongoing enforcement actions reporting, the Agency will provide quarterly updates on new enforcement actions. We will provide the next update in October, 2017, covering the last quarter of FY 2017.

Regarding the budget impacts to the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance (OECA), the Agency continues to examine how the proposed Fiscal Year 2018 budget might be allocated. We will not be able to make any decisions regarding the impacts in OECA, or any effect it may have on its priorities, until a budget is passed. The EPA will continue to perform its work in enforcement, among other critical activities.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you have further questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Carolyn Levine in my office at (202) 564-1859 or Levine.Carolyn@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Troy Lyons", is written over the typed name.

Troy M. Lyons
Associate Administrator